

**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

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**In City Council November 17, 2016**

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

**16.203**  
**An Order**  
**To surplus property located at 221 Riverside Drive (Feiker School)**

**Whereas,** the City of Northampton owns a former elementary school property located at 221 Riverside Drive known as the Feiker School, and shown on Assessors Map 30B, Parcel 22; and

**Whereas,** in fiscal year 2004, the Northampton School Committee, after determining that the property was no longer needed for district educational purposes, but citing a shortage of available childcare programs in the area, determined that issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to secure an early childhood education tenant for the building was in the best interests of the school district; and

**Whereas,** the Nonotuck Community School, Inc. a private non-profit child care program, was awarded a lease in 2004 and has operated in the building continuously since January 2005; and

**Whereas,** the Nonotuck Community School, Inc. was recently awarded a new, shorter-term lease effective July 1, 2016 thru August 30, 2019 to allow its Board of Directors additional time to determine whether it could participate in a request for proposals (along with other potential bidders) to purchase the building from the City; and

**Whereas,** the School Committee voted unanimously on October 13, 2016 to surplus the property so that the Mayor could seek authorization to sell the property at fair market value to ensure the Feiker School's continued long-term use for early childhood education; and

**Whereas,** the City of Northampton does not have a municipal use for the property and concurs with the School Committee's recommendation that it remain in use for early childhood education; and so now be it

**ORDERED THAT**

The property at 221 Riverside Drive is declared surplus to City needs and is hereby transferred to the care, custody and control of the Mayor for the purpose of selling such property for use for early childhood education in accordance with Massachusetts procurement law and on such terms and conditions as the Mayor deems reasonable and appropriate.